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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Zinke, on March 14, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ryan Zinke, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Bob Lake (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Gilda Clancy, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 403, 3/10/2011

HEARING ON SB 403

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:39 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 403, Generally revise K-12 school funding.

EXHIBIT(eds57a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:30 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

EXHIBIT(eds57a02)

00:42:37 John McNeil, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:47:41 Wade Johnson, Superintendent, Cut Bank School District

00:49:35 Jan Cahill, President, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:52:34 Barb Riley, Trustee, Columbia Falls School District

00:54:40 Lance Juedeman, Trustee, Geraldine School District

00:55:26 Donna Yellowowl, Trustee, Browning School District

00:58:10 Sue Vinton, Chairman, Lockwood Elementary School Board

00:59:47 Denise Hayman, Chairman, Bozeman School District Board

01:02:11 Kirk Miller, Superintendent, Bozeman School District

01:06:11 Jay Pauli, Superintendent, Thompson Falls School District

01:07:50 David Fern, Trustee, Whitefish School District

01:09:13 Sabrina Steketee, Chairman, Jefferson County School District Board

01:13:05 Tonia Bloom, Vice Chairman, Corvallis School District Board

01:14:51 Virginia Oraw, Former Teacher, Sidney School District

01:17:38 Tim Tharp, Superintendent, Sunburst School District

01:18:24 Steve Erwin, Great Falls Public School District

01:18:56 Joe Christiaens, County Commissioner, Pondera County

01:19:16 Allan Underdal, County Commissioner, Toole County

01:19:32 Loren Hawks, Trustee, Chester School District

01:19:58 Lance Voegele, Chairman, Belgrade School District Board

01:20:27 Lee Christianson, Chairman, Havre School District Board

Opponents' Testimony:

01:21:28 Denise Juneau, Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

01:27:16 Dan Villa, Education Advisor, Office of the Governor

01:28:21 Paul Finnicum, Chairman, Culbertson School District Board

01:31:07 Kevin Nelson, Representing Self

01:33:41 Gordon Hahn, Superintendent, Saco School District

01:37:01 Connie Wardell, Trustee, Billings Public School District

01:40:49 Barbara Bryan, Chairman, Billings School District Board

EXHIBIT(eds57a03)

01:44:56 Teresa Stroebe, Trustee, Lockey School District

01:47:06 Dave Shreeve, Superintendent, Forsyth School District

01:47:55 Renee Rasmussen, Superintendent, Wibaux Public School District

01:51:28 Harry Macdonald, County Commissioner, Roosevelt County

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01:53:45 Miles Knudsen, Bainville School District
01:55:02 Garth Harmon, Bainville School District Board
01:56:53 Paula Warren, Retired Teacher, Bainville School District
01:57:50 Doug Smith, Bainville School District
01:58:56 Wendy Smith, Retired Teacher, Bainville School District
01:59:27 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
02:00:28 Dennis Nelson, Chairman of the Board, Bainville School District
02:00:50 Nancy Schlepp, President, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

EXHIBIT(eds57a04)

02:02:03 Ken Morrison, Pacific Power & Light Montana (PPL Montana)
02:02:17 Tom Ebzery, Avista, Puget, PGE and PacifiCorp
02:03:31 Dan Smith, Superintendent, Colstrip School District
02:03:52 Don Rieger, County Commissioner, Fallon County

Informational Testimony:

02:04:55 Willie Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Oil, Gas & Coal Counties
02:05:24 Jim Standaert, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:05:48 Sen. Hawks
02:08:11 Sen. Jones
02:09:33 Sen. Hawks
02:09:54 Sen. Jones
02:11:35 Sen. Hawks
02:12:26 Dan Villa, Office of the Governor

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02:16:52 Sen. Hawks
02:17:05 Dan Villa
02:20:57 Sen. Branae
02:21:30 Dan Villa
02:22:57 Sen. Branae
02:23:39 Dan Villa
02:24:58 Sen. Ripley
02:25:41 Sen. Jones
02:29:17 Sen. Ripley
02:29:33 Sen. Jones
02:29:58 Sen. Ripley
02:30:19 Lance Melton, MTSBA
02:31:12 Sen. Ripley
02:31:19 Lance Melton
02:32:06 Sen. Brown
02:33:14 Sen. Jones
02:35:44 Sen. Brown
02:36:45 Sen. Jones
02:38:18 Sen. Brown
02:39:11 Jim Standaert, LFD

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02:41:51	Sen. Brown
02:42:51	Jim Standaert
02:43:07	Sen. Facey
02:43:37	Sen. Jones
02:44:11	Sen. Facey
02:44:56	Kirk Miller, Bozeman School District
02:46:07	Sen. Facey
02:46:16	Kirk Miller
02:46:54	Sen. Lake
02:48:14	Sen. Jones
02:49:25	Sen. Lake
02:50:23	Sen. Jones
02:51:13	Sen. Essmann
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02:54:03	Sen. Jones
02:55:13	Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
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02:59:07	Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
03:00:00	Jim Standaert
03:00:20	Sen. Hawks
03:01:09	Jim Standaert
03:01:40	Sen. Hawks
03:02:50	Denise Juneau, OPI
03:05:15	Sen. Hawks
03:06:09	Denise Juneau
03:07:55	Chairman Zinke
03:09:06	Denise Juneau
03:09:28	Chairman Zinke
03:09:56	Sen. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

03:11:10	Sen. Jones
03:24:00	Chairman Zinke
03:25:13	Sen. Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:27 P.M.

Gilda Clancy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds57aad.pdf](#))